Chicago Police 'Spies' Told to Stop Prying On Lawsuit Foes

CHICAGO, Nov. 11 (UPI)—A federal judge has ordered the Chicago police department to stop spying on lawyers who have sued police for spying on community groups.

Police say they have stopped spying on lawyers for the Alliance to End Repression, which has filed a suit over the activities of so-called "Red Squad," a police intelligence unit that gathers information on alleged subversive groups.

But U.S. District Court Judge Alfred Y. Kirkland Wednesday said there is evidence infiltration and spying is "likely to recur if an injunction is not granted," and issued one.

The judge said the department evasively answered written questions seeking identities of 180 police informants, claiming records were destroyed shortly before the suit was filed in 1974.

So, Kirkland said, it is now up to city attorneys to prove police did not engage in those alleged activities. And he barred them from using in their defense any evidence that they claimed had been destroyed.

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